Unit 08

Free Health Care

Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

1 Have you or your family ever been in a hospital?

2 Do you think doctors should get paid a lot of money? Why or why not?

3 Who should pay for your health care, your parents or the government?

Introducing the Topic

When people go to the hospital, they must pay for their medical treatment. Sometimes people cannot afford treatment because it is too expensive. Some governments think this is not fair. They collect taxes from people to help pay for everyone's health care, including the poor. Some people think this is a waste of money because the rich do not need free health care. They can pay for their own health care.

Learning about the Topic

Should governments provide free health care?

Health care is one of the most important factors for a good life. People need to be able to get medical treatment when they are sick. Some countries provide free health care for all. Is it time for all countries to provide free health care for every citizen?

Governments Should Provide Free Health Care

First, free health care is a human right. All people deserve medical treatment when they are sick. This is a basic right. However, when nations do not offer free health care, poorer citizens have trouble paying for the treatment they need. Next, providing free health care benefits all citizens. When people have access

to health care, they are **more likely to** be healthy. People who are healthy can work longer. When they work longer, they help their nation's economy. Even though providing free health care costs nations more money, they will have greater economic growth from increased **productivity**.

Governments Should Not Provide Free Health Care

First, if health care were free, some people would **abuse** the system. People would go to the hospital for **conditions** that do not need medical treatment. Patients with serious conditions would have to wait longer to get help. Doctors would also spend less time with each patient. These factors could **decrease** the quality of health care.

Next, giving all citizens free health care is a waste of money. Poor citizens may not be able to afford health care. But the wealthy can afford to pay for medical care. Providing free health care for them would be a waste of money.

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Vocabulary Check

| abused | more likely to | decrease | condition | productivity |

1. My grandfather suffered from a serious heart _____.
2. Sarah seems to be _____ go to college than her brother.
3. Since the workers started using a new computer program, their _____ has improved.
4. The politician was criticized because she _____ her power.
5. Listening to music can _____ your stress level.

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Comprehension Questions

1. What happens when nations do not offer free health care?

   a. Some people might have difficulty paying for their medical bills.
   b. Citizens are required to pay more taxes.

2. How does free health care help a nation's economy?

   a. It brings more jobs to the healthcare industry.
   b. People with free health care are healthier and work longer.

3. What would happen if people go to the hospital for conditions that are not serious?

   a. People who really need medical treatment would have to wait longer.
   b. They will be able to get a doctor's note for their illnesses.

4. Why is free health care a waste of money?

   a. Providing free health care for the poor costs a lot of money.
   b. It is unnecessary when wealthy people can pay for their own health care.

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